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## PROBABLE AIRCRAFT ENGINE R&amp;D CENTER IDENTIFIED AT PING-PA, CHINA

1. Ping-pa Probable Aircraft Engine R&D Center [redacted] the first of its kind in China, was identified on high resolution photography of [redacted] [redacted] The center is located 2.4 nautical miles (nm) south-southeast of Ping-pa and 27 nm west-southwest of Kuei-yang at 26-22-35N 106-15-35E. This installation was first reported as Ping-pa Possible Army Barracks AL 2, then as Ping-pa Unidentified Installation, and most recently as Ping-pa Underground Manufacturing Plant.
2. In [redacted] the probable aircraft engine R&D center was under construction and consisted of three separate areas (Figure 1). The areas identified include an aircraft engine test area, a shop/assembly area, and a support and housing area.
3. The aircraft engine test area contained three similar single-cell engine test buildings. The variations in size and configuration of the buildings suggest that each has different testing capabilities. A fourth engine test building apparently contained two test cells. Five shop buildings were observed; four of these were located in two separately secured areas and [redacted] The area also contained two instrumentation buildings, two engineering buildings, and a steamplant. [redacted] Many of the buildings appeared to be constructed on landfill, [redacted] A POL storage site containing four large vertical tanks was on the eastern edge of the test facility.
4. The shop/assembly area contained two large shop/assembly buildings, an engineering building, several small shop buildings, and numerous other buildings.
5. A support and housing area was located northeast of the shop/assembly area. Additional fairly elaborate housing under construction extended northwest of the shop/assembly area.
6. [redacted] construction on the engine test buildings appeared to be about half complete. The instrumentation and engineering buildings and the secured shop buildings were under roof. The unsecured shop buildings and the steamplant were not observed. Excavation for the POL storage site was in an early stage. [redacted] In the shop/assembly area construction of the engineering building and the large shop/assembly buildings had not begun although excavation and construction of minor buildings was in progress. Construction in the support and housing area was evident and seemed particularly rapid on housing northwest of the shop/assembly area.
7. One year earlier, in [redacted] two of the three single-cell engine test buildings were under construction, and land clearing for the third appeared complete. The foundation for the two-cell engine test building was partially complete. Both instrumentation buildings appeared nearly complete, and the secured shop buildings and the engineering buildings were under roof. No activity was visible at the POL storage site. [redacted] Construction of some structures in the shop/assembly area and in the housing and support area was evident.
8. [redacted] in the engine test area land clearing had begun for the three single-cell engine test buildings, and excavation for the foundation of the two-cell engine test building was underway. The engineering buildings and one of the secured shop buildings were under roof. The other secured shop buildings were less than half complete. Sites were probably being prepared for the instrumentation buildings. [redacted] In the shop/assembly area construction was probably underway on several of the minor support buildings, and some appeared to be already complete. In the housing and support area land clearing and construction were underway. Many of the buildings in the portion of the housing and support area northeast of the shop/assembly area appeared complete but only a few northwest of the shop/assembly area appeared complete.

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FIGURE 1. PING-PA PROBABLE AIRCRAFT ENGINE R&D CENTER, CHINA

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